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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Official Action mailed May 21, 2009 ("Official Action"), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks. The shortened statutory due date for filing a response to the Official Action was August 21, 2009; thus a petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 19 of this paper.